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BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DATA CENTER NETWORK

The Business and Industry Data Center Network was started in 1988 by the U.S. Census Bureau as an expansion of the State Data Center Program. The BIDC Network is designed to meet decision-maker's growing need for effective use of economic statistics.

Illinois is helping meet this need by providing small businesses, independent contractors and future Illinois businesses convenient access to statistical data and other sources of usable information. Our goal is to enhance the ability of small businesses to plan, market, manage and expand their businesses in Illinois and throughout the world. To meet this goal the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) has created a network of regional and local affiliates capable of providing basic information to the small business community, completing complex analysis as needed and performing regional economic analyses to keep businesses up-to-date on the outlook in their region.

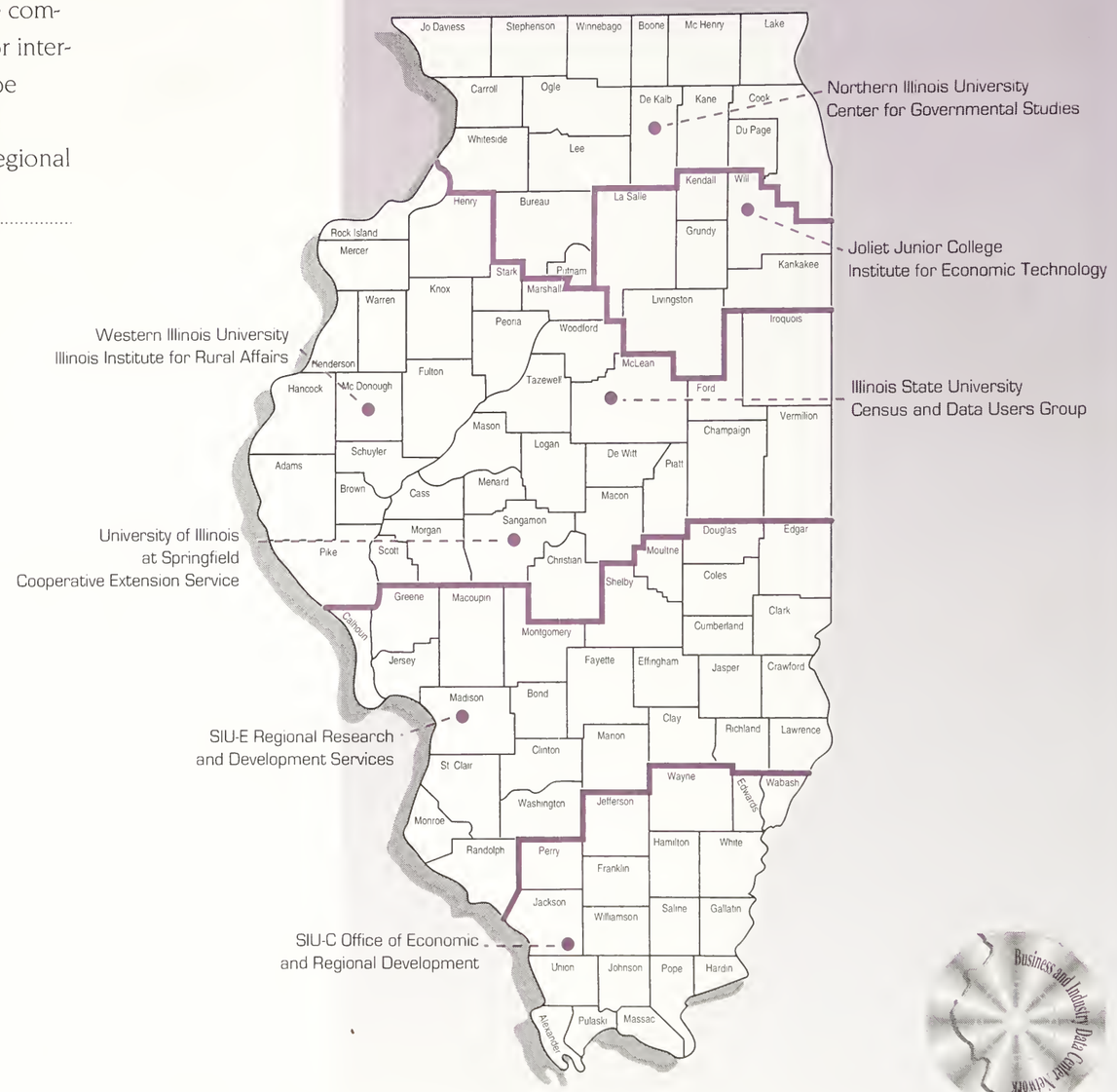
There are five Regions in Illinois. The Regional Affiliates in each area are responsible for collecting and disseminating information to both the end users of the information and to the Local Affiliates. They also will prepare the quarterly regional economic analysis, furnish their expertise in one or more information resource areas and provide assistance to local affiliates and data users as needed.

Local Affiliates have been created in each region. Local Affiliates deal directly with small businesses and other data users by providing: basic census, economic, and demographic information; other data prepared by the Regional Affiliates or the state; and, offer technical assistance in basic data interpretation. Issues involving more complex analysis or interpretation will be referred to the appropriate Regional Affiliate.

Sample BIDC *requests:*

- Costs of employee benefits in selected industries
- List of office furniture manufacturers
- County Economic Profiles
- List of Trade Shows in Southern Illinois
- Number of Illinois businesses in select Industries with sales over $1 million
- Information about Illinois exports to Mexico
- City population, income and growth projections
- Number and type of businesses that have relocated to Illinois
- ACT Scores by school district
- Producer Price Index on Machinery between 1980 and 1995
- Number and size of warehouses in county

Business and Industry Data Center Regional Affiliates



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